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1. Town Hall - Mayor's office and police station are located in this building. There is a small one floor jail located about three meters east of this building. The town hall is of stone construction, two floors and hip-roof with wooden shingles. It was built in 1936 or 1937. It is located about four hundred meters west of Lake Plateliai.
2. Post office, telephone and telegraph building - It is a very old building two floors, frame construction. It is located about 35 or 40 meters south of the town hall. Telephone lines connect with Plunge (55°54'N, 21°51'E), Salantai (56°3'N - 21°35'E) and Kalvarja.
3. Elementary school - this is a wood building, two floors. It is located about 150 meters northwest of the town hall.
4. Electrical power station - it provides electrical power for Plateliai only. It is a thermal plant. It was built by the Germans in 1943 and only the public buildings and a few residences receive power from it. It is located in a small, one-story stone building about ten meters north of the town hall.
5. Brick factory - this is a small factory which had about 20 employees in 1940. It is located about three hundred meters north of the town hall. Production stopped in 1940 because consumers felt the bricks were of inferior quality.
6. Roman Catholic Church - Wood construction. It is located about one hundred meters south of the town hall.

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7. Public market - It is located about 50 meters north of the town hall.
8. Public market - It is located about 50 meters south of the town hall.
9. Bank - It is located about 25 meters west of the town hall.
3. Sketch B.
 10. This is the road which leads into Plateliai from the north. It is about three kilometers from the intersection to the town hall. The road is one lane wide surfaced with tightly packed sand. It is a well-made road. German tanks used it in World War II and did not seriously damage it.
 11. This point marks the southern edge of the town. The road leading to it is one lane wide and paved with sand. This point is about one kilometer south of the town hall.
 12. This is Plunge. There is a road from Point 11 to Plunge, one lane wide, and surfaced with sand. The distance from Point 11 to Plunge over this road is about 20 kilometers.
 13. This is the town of Salantai. The road from Point 10 to Salantai is one lane wide surfaced with sand. This road is about 10 kilometers. There is another sand road one lane wide leading from the town hall (Point 1) to Salantai. This is the distance of about 10 kilometers.
 14. This is the village of Kalvarja, which had a population of about four thousand in 1944. It is located about 16 kilometers east of Point 10. The road leading from Point 10 to Point 14 is one lane wide surfaced with sand.
 15. This is the village of Sateikiai with a population of about three or four hundred persons in 1944. It is located about eight kilometers southwest of Point 11. There is a sand road one lane wide leading from Point 11 to Sateikiai. A single-track railroad runs from Sateikiai to Plunge.
 16. Lake Plateliai - It is located about three to four hundred meters east of the town hall (Point 1) and is about three kilometers long and three kilometers wide. The deepest part of the lake is located around Point 17. In this area the lake is about 30 meters deep. The remainder of the lake varies from two to six meters deep. It is solidly frozen to a depth of one-third to one-half a meter from the end of November until late February or early March. It almost always freezes with a smooth surface. Commercial fishermen usually catch about 150 kilograms of fish each night during the winter season for about one hundred nights. The only boats used on this lake are small row boats three to five meters long. The southern part of the lake has a thick undergrowth of weeds.
 17. Deepest part of the lake.
 18. Small island covered with shade trees.
 19. Small island covered with shade trees.
 20. Small island covered with shade trees.
 21. This road junction is located about two kilometers east of Point 10.
 22. This is the town of Alsedziai. In 1944 its population was about four thousand. From Point 21 to Alsedziai there is a one-lane sand road. This is a distance of about 12 kilometers.

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23. Flour mill - It is located along the road to Plunge about three kilometers east of Point 11. Power is supplied by a very small creek named Babrungas which has its source in the southern part of Lake Plateliai. This creek is about three or four meters wide. It eventually flows to Plunge.
24. Northern edge of a road which leads through a dense pine forest. It is one lane wide. The road is surfaced with wooden railroad ties and was built during World War I. It is in very poor condition. The road covers about eight kilometers from Point 24 to Point 25. The forest is rather sparse for the first two kilometers south of Point 24. The forest was used successfully by Lithuanian partisans against the Germans during World War II. The only edible plants in the forest are blue berries. They are abundant throughout the summer months.
25. This point is the southern terminus of the forest road.
4. The town's population is entirely Lithuanian. Almost all residences are of wood construction and have hip-roofs covered with wooden shingles. Snow accumulates to a depth of one meter. Water is obtained from wells. It is pure.

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